

PENDING CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application.

1-6. (Canceled)

7. (Currently Amended) A method comprising performing the steps in the order presented:

supplying an input bit stream to a channel coding block;

modulating an output of the channel coding block to provide a modulation symbol sequence and frequency coding the modulation symbol sequence;

feeding a replica of the entire frequency coded modulation symbol sequence to each of a plurality of orthogonal sequence covers, wherein each of the plurality of orthogonal sequence covers outputs one of a plurality of spread sequences of output chips;

performing inverse Fast Fourier Transform (FFT) [[FFT]] and cyclic prefix processing on the plurality of spread sequences of output chips to yield a plurality of outputs; and

transmitting the plurality of outputs over a multiple-input multiple-output channel.

8. (Previously Presented) A method comprising:

supplying an input bit stream to a coding block;

modulating an output of the coding block to provide a first modulation symbol sequence;

diversity encoding the first modulation symbol sequence to generate a second

modulation symbol sequence; and

feeding the second modulation symbol sequence to a plurality of orthogonal sequence covers, wherein each of the plurality of orthogonal sequence covers outputs one of a plurality of spread sequences of output chips, and further wherein the plurality of spread sequences of output chips are transmitted over a multiple-input multiple-output channel.

9. (Original) The method of claim 8 wherein the diversity encoding is space-time encoding.

10. (Original) The method of claim 8 wherein the diversity encoding is space-frequency encoding.

11. (Original) The method of claim 8 wherein the feeding step comprises feeding a replica of the second modulation symbol sequence to a pair of the plurality of orthogonal sequence covers.

12. (Canceled)

13. (Original) The method of claim 8 wherein the plurality of orthogonal sequence covers comprise pairwise mutually orthogonal Walsh covers.

14. (Original) The method of claim 8 wherein the modulating step comprises modulating the output of the coding block using trellis coded quadrature amplitude modulation.

15. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 8 further comprising:
frequency coding the modulation symbol sequence after the modulating step and before the feeding step; and
performing inverse Fast Fourier Transform (FFT) [[FFT]] and cyclic prefix

processing after the feeding step and before the plurality of spread sequences of output chips are transmitted.

16-22. (Canceled)

23. (Previously Presented) A wireless apparatus comprising:

a coding block configured to encode an input bit stream;

a modulator configured to receive an output of the coding block to provide a first modulation symbol sequence;

an Alamouti block configured to diversity encode the first modulation symbol sequence to generate a second modulation symbol sequence; and

a plurality of orthogonal sequence covers, wherein the second modulation symbol sequence is fed to the plurality of orthogonal sequence covers and each of the plurality of orthogonal sequence covers outputs one of a plurality of spread sequences of output chips, and further wherein the plurality of spread sequences of output chips are queued for transmission over a multiple-input multiple-output channel.

24. (Original) The wireless apparatus of claim 23 wherein the Alamouti block is configured to diversity encode using space-time encoding.

25. (Original) The wireless apparatus of claim 23 wherein the Alamouti block is configured to diversity encode using space-frequency encoding.

26. (Original) The wireless apparatus of claim 23 wherein a replica of the second modulation symbol sequence is fed to a pair of the plurality of orthogonal sequence covers.

27. (Canceled)

28. (Original) The wireless apparatus of claim 23 wherein the plurality of

orthogonal sequence covers comprises pairwise mutually orthogonal Walsh covers.

29. (Currently Amended) The wireless apparatus of claim 23 wherein the modulator is ~~further~~ configured to modulate the output of the coding block using trellis coded quadrature amplitude modulation.

30-39 (Canceled)